

Live Stock at the South Carolina State Fair.

The Greater State Fair has closed and nothing remains of it but memory.

On the whole, it has been altogether a success, despite the bad weather Tuesday and Wednesday. All the weak spots have come out and the Society is fully aware of the things that need remedying and intends to have every one of them remedied by another year.

THE HOG EXHIBIT.

The State deferred notice of the hog exhibit for the reason that there were many things to be said on the subject by hog men, and it was desired that they have their say.

It appears that one of the largest displays of hogs, if not the very largest, came from Chester County, and the most of these came from Blackstock. The Messrs. Shannon had splendid displays of high-grade Berkshires and Essex; Mr. W. S. Dickey, of the same place, made a large exhibit of Poland Chinas; Mr. T. B. McKeown, also of the same place, showed a handsome collection of the new Yorkshires improved, of which he is a breeder; Mr. Alex. McDonald likewise maintained the fame of Blackstock with Berkshires. This was a splendid display from one community. From the same county, near Chester, the Lee Hill Stock Farm sent a full display of Berkshires, perhaps the largest show of this breed on the ground. As before stated, Chester also showed some fine cattle and stock for which the county has a highly-prized reputation.

Col. J. H. Wharton, of Waterloo, had some Berkshires on exhibition that would have stood for the picture of ideal Berkshires. In order to encourage hog raising in Horry County, Col. Wharton made Col. D. A. Spivey a present of a young boar that had just been decorated with a blue ribbon, and which weighed 175 pounds at a little over five months old. The gift was intended for Horry County. This pig is a grandson of High Clear Stopper, which the Biltmore Farm bought in England and imported at enormous expense. This was a splendid thing for Col. Wharton to do, and the gift ought to be appreciated by buying a full pen of young sows of the same breed to go with him.

Mr. A. W. Rogers, of Callison, Greenwood County, made a good exhibit of Berkshires, and in showing against L. L. Dorsey, of Anchorage, Ky., who is a man that makes a business of showing hogs all over the country, he won five times. Mr. Rogers took a number of prizes.

Mr. R. E. Shannon, of Blackstock, also won nice prizes with his Berkshires.

The full list of awards will be printed later, and it is well to make a few remarks in this connection as to what the hog men have to say of the hogs of different breeds.

The Berkshires apparently stand first in general estimation, for the reason that they are sound, adapted perfectly to the climate, are hand-

some animals, hardy, fatten with nice distribution of lean and fat and produce meat of the keenest flavor.

The Essex is perhaps all in all a better lard hog, some of them growing to enormous size. The Poland China stands on the whole second, at least so the Berkshire men say.

Dr. F. D. Kendall, who has a magnificent display of O. I. C. hogs, had an interesting account of them. He says they were originated by Silver, of Cleveland, Ohio, and really are the Chestnut White, improved. It is claimed for them that they are strictly proof against cholera, and Dr. Kendall says he believes the claim is entirely just. They are strong and make a handsome appearance, with white coats and bristles. Dr. Kendall has a large pen of these hogs on hand, and they attracted much attention at the Fair. He also showed some fine Duroc Jerseys.

Dr. T. J. Kinard, of Ninety-Six, who took all prizes with his sheep in their class, also had a few fine Berkshire hogs.

All hands agree that the hog show was far ahead of anything ever seen at a Fair in South Carolina, and the hog industry is making great strides at different points in the State.

The Yorkshires shown by Mr. T. B. McKeown, of Blackstock, are a new hog to this country, and are said to be a particularly fine bacon hog; they are large and white.

W. E. Chapman, of Laurens County, showed a splendid lot of Victorias in pens, also a white hog, comparatively new to this region.

STATE FARMS EXHIBIT.

In a building all to itself was the exhibit from the State Farms, and it would be hard to get together a handsomer one. It was entirely agricultural and the specimens of cotton and corn, peas (over a dozen varieties), sugar cane, syrup, vegetables infinite in variety and of the choicest quality, chufas, artichokes, pindars, pumpkins, kershaws, were the best ever exhibited by the farm or by anybody else within the history of the Fair. Specimens from all three farms were shown, and the most varied came from the Reid and DeSaussure Farms on the line of Sumter and Kershaw Counties. Capt. Griffith and the gentlemen immediately in charge, deserve immense credit for this display, and it would serve an important purpose if it should induce the various counties to make similar exhibits. They can do this with the right kind of work, but it will take work to do it.

The potato exhibit in this building was worth anybody's while to inspect; the exhibit of sweet potatoes was calculated to make a man's mouth water. But every bit of it was in apple-pie order—a splendid showing from the farms.

HORSES

There were various shows of stock all day in the arena, and Mr. G. A. Guignard, in charge, said there was immense improvement over last year, both in the number and quality of the animals shown; he also stated that marked improvement was shown

in South Carolina raised horses, proof of which was found in the ever increasing number of prizes taken by them. He had every reason to be gratified as did the Society.

The entire arena program was carried out for horses, mules and jacks and jenets, and the arena was a centre of interest all day.—Columbia State, Saturday, October 29th.

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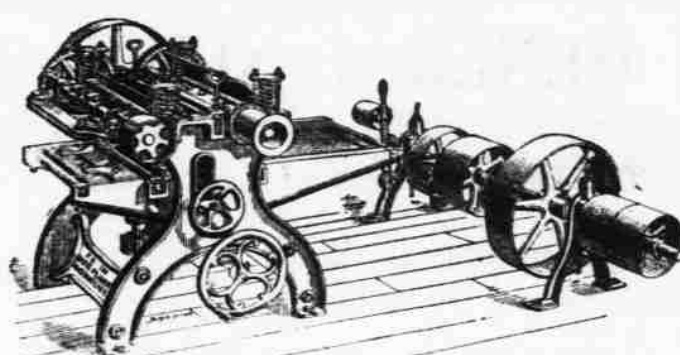
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